



## Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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### Patricia Ritter to Demonstrate Watercolor Painting at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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**BEREA, Ky.** – On Saturday, May 19, Patricia Ritter of Kettle, will demonstrate watercolor painting from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Ritter was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. She is trained as a classical dancer and worked as a paralegal before moving to Kentucky in 1978. She is entirely self-taught as an artist, having been given her first set of watercolors by a friend and work associate over 20 years ago. Ritter credits her father as a major artistic influence.

“My father used to draw all the time,” she said. “For us kids he often made multiple drawings into a flip chart to create these unique animated story books. My father always encouraged our artistic activities.”

Ritter has lived most of her adult life in rural Kentucky and is personally drawn to the details of old homes and structures. The landscape and small towns of Kentucky have been a constant and endless source of creativity and inspiration for her work. She paints domestic everyday scenes with rich color and detail and is interested in utilizing patterns of shadow to create strong dark and light contrasts.

Ritter is an active arts advocate and is a consultant for the Kentucky Peer Advisory Program. She is a juried member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsmen and a roster artist with the Kentucky Arts Council. Her works are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate -75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth and a special exhibition, “About Face: Kentucky Artisan Works Inspired by the Human Face,” on display through Aug. 26. For information call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

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Patricia Ritter shows a young visitor her watercolor techniques

